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1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO US BY SOVIET DELEGATION ON ATOMIC ENERGY, MAKSIMOV RAISED QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED WORKSHOPS IN SOLAR ENERGY. ACCORDING TO MAKSIMOV A LETTER SUGGESTING DECEMBER DATES AND NAMING SOVIET PARTICIPANTS WAS SENT. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS COMMUNICATION. DR. JOHN TEEM, ERDA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MAKSIMOV, AGREED TO RECEIVE A GROUP OF SOVIET SOLAR EXPERTS IN THE US PRIOR TO THE MARCH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ENERGY.

2. PLEASE INFORM MAKSIMOV THAT US IS PREPARED TO HOST WORKSHOPS IN ALL THREE SOLAR ENERGY AREAS -- HEATING AND

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COOLING OF BUILDINGS, CENTRAL POWER STATIONS, AND PHOTO

ELECTRIC CELLS. MR. DONALD BEATTIE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL AND ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS, ERDA, WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE US SIDE. US SUGGESTS THAT MEETINGS BE HELD FEBRUARY 2-9, 1976 AND THAT SOVIET DELEGATION BE AT MEETING LOCATION BY

FEBRUARY 1. ALTERNATE STARTING DATES WOULD BE JANUARY 26 OR FEBRUARY 9. GENERAL AGENDA WILL BE TO DISCUSS US AND SOVIET NATIONAL PROGRAMS DURING FIRST TWO DAYS AND PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR JOINT PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO JOINT COMMITTEES DURING LAST THREE DAYS. DETAILED AGENDAS AND LOCATIONS FOR WORKSHOPS WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY.

3. US IS PREPARED TO HOST 3-5 SOVIET EXPERTS FOR EACH OF THESE WORKSHOPS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY SOVIET DESIGNATION OF PARTICIPANTS IN ORDER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE MEETINGS.

4. FYI: US SIDE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF ALL THREE WORKSHOPS BEING HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY INCLUDING WORKSHOP ON PHOTO ELECTRIC CELLS (DROPPED FROM PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED JUNE 1975 MEETING OF SOLAR WORKING GROUP). KISSINGER

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